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[INSERT DATE]

[INSERT D/C INFO]

Re: [INSERT CASE NAME]

Kings County Dkt./Ind. No. [#######]

In connection with the above-named case, the People voluntarily provide the following information regarding:

MOS Name: STEVE CRUZ

MOS Tax:

in satisfaction (to the extent applicable) of their constitutional, statutory, and ethical obligations. Further, the People reserve the right to move in limine to preclude reference to this information, or otherwise to object to its use and/or introduction into evidence.

Disclosure # 1:

MOS CRUZ PLED GUILTY TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS:

 SAID MOS CRUZ, ASSIGNED TO PATROL BOROUGH BROOKLYN NORTH, WHILE OFF DUTY, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 21, 2012, IN KINGS COUNTY, DID FAIL AND NEGLECT TO PROPERLY SAFEGUARD A FIREARM.

ACTION TAKEN: MOS CRUZ FORFEITED TWENTY (20) VACATION DAYS CASE CLOSED ON 5/28/13.

Disclosure # 2:

THE NYPD SUBSTANTIATED THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS, DATED 3/30/18, AGAINST MOS CRUZ:

- INVOICE DISCREPANCY LAB CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
- 2. REPORT INCOMPLETE/INACCURATE PROPERTY CLERK INVOICE

ACTION TAKEN: VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS

CASE CLOSED ON 4/12/18

Disclosure # 3:

THE NYPD SUBSTANTIATED THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS, DATED 11/6/18, AGAINST MOS CRUZ:

- FAIL TO PREPARE REPORT TRI REPORT
- 2. OTHER DEPARTMENT RULES/PROCEDURES VIOLATION

ACTION TAKEN: SCHEDULE A COMMAND DISCIPLINE

CASE CLOSED ON 11/14/18

Disclosure # 4:

On March 1, 2017, P.O. Steve Cruz, testified in a combined suppression hearing in Kings County Supreme Court, for Indictment Number 7203-2015, presided over by Judge Del Guidice. At the hearing, P.O. Cruz testified that after observing the defendant commit a traffic infraction the team of officers P.O. was a part of pulled over the defendant's car, and that upon approaching P.O. Cruz observed a marihuana grinder and green leafy substance in the center console area detected the odor of marihuana, and further observed the front seat passenger receive a black bag from the defendant and place it in the glove box. P.O. Cruz testified that the passengers were arrested for the marihuana, that a search of the car was conducted at the precinct, that during the search only marihuana residue was able to be recovered from the grinder, that a gun was found in the glove box, and that the defendant made an oral admission regarding possession of the gun. On April 12, 2017, Judge Del Guidice issued a written decision granting suppression of a firearm, but not granting suppression of the defendant's statements. In his decision, Judge Del Guidice found that P.O. Cruz's testimony was tailored to meet constitutional objections, and that he did not find credible P.O. Cruz's testimony that the car was pulled over merely for a traffic infraction or that the P.O. Cruz observed a marihuana grinder with a green leafy substance.

BASED UPON CCRB DOCUMENTS UP TO DATE THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2020, THE PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING CCRB SUBSTANTIATED AND/OR PENDING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THIS OFFICER:

Disclosure # 5:

CCRB No. 201610409 Report Date: 12/20/2016

Disclosure #6:

CCRB No. 201709000 Report Date: 10/30/2017

> Eric Gonzalez District Attorney Kings County